per diem allowance shall be paid to members of the Commission. Members of the Commission and staff may receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with state law. These expenses shall be paid from federal funds where possible. If federal funds are not available, these expenses may be paid only if the Governor's Office has sufficient funds.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

> Michael F. Easley Governor

> > Secretary of State

ATTEST:

Strain Co.